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March 16, 2006

Mr. Michael L. Browne President and Chief Executive Officer Harleysville Group Inc 355 Maple Avenue Harleysville, PA 19438-2297

Re: Harleysville Group Inc

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

File No. 0-14697

Dear Mr. Browne:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jim Atkinson Accounting Branch Chief